

Gambia Celebrates 'Famous Females'

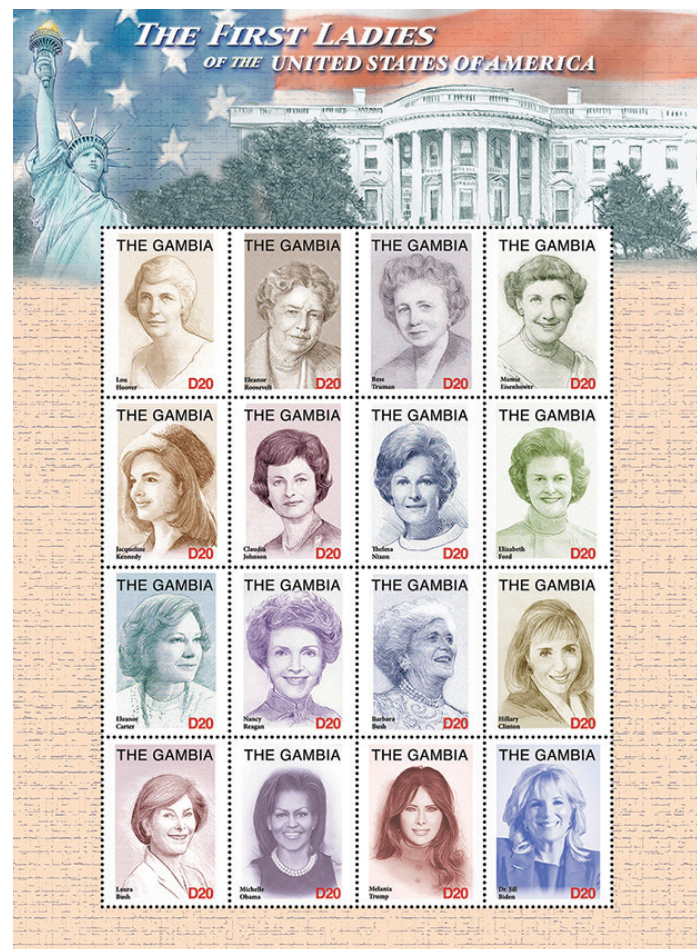
Under the guidance of the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation of New York, the African nation's philatelic agency, The Gambia recently released four new issues that focus on famous women.

Shown here is the latest in a series of First Ladies of the United States souvenir sheets, for Dr. Jill Biden.

An accomplished educator in her own right, she was previously the second lady of the United States from 2009 to 2017 when Joe Biden served as Barack Obama's Vice-President.

Enjoying an accomplished career as an educator, she has a bachelor's degree and a doctoral degree from the University of Delaware, as well as two master's degrees from West Chester University and Villanova University.

In addition to the individual souvenir sheet for the new First Lady, The Gambia also released this souvenir sheet depicting First Ladies from Lou Hoover to Jill Biden.



Meanwhile, keeping in mind that many nations have connections with Great Britain, 'the Royals' are a popular international topic.

Most recently, The Gambia celebrated the 95th Birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, with this souvenir sheet depicting the Queen from childhood to the present. Born on April 21, 1926, when her father, King George VI, died in February 1952, Elizabeth, then 25 years old, became head of the Commonwealth and queen regnant of seven independent Commonwealth countries.



In 1947, she married Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, a former prince of Greece and Denmark. Not covered here, there have been a number of issues memorizing the recently death of Prince Philip.

Finally, bridging both sides of 'the pond,' we have a souvenir sheet marking the Wedding Anniversary of Prince Harry, grandson of the Queen, and American Meghan Markle. She retired from acting career upon her marriage to Prince Harry in 2018, and started undertaking engagements as a member of the British royal family. Since then, she has been known as Duchess of Sussex.

However, the couple stepped down as senior members of the royal family in 2020. They subsequently settled in her native California, where they are pursuing business ventures and charity work. They have two children, Archie and a newborn girl, Lilibet Mountbatten-Windsor.



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